



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

**Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
Minutes
Sunday, October 21, 2007
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
The NAV Centre – CRST Conference**

Present

COUNTY	HEAD OF COUNCIL 2007	STAFF
County of Frontenac	Ron Maguire	
County of Haliburton		Jim Wilson
County of Hastings	Terry Clemens	Jim Pine
County of Lanark	Al Lunney	Peter Wagland
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	J. Douglas Struthers (Chair)	Steven Silver Stephen Fournier Lisa Severson
County of Northumberland		Bill Pyatt
County of Peterborough	Ronald Gerow	Gary King
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Jean-Yves Lalonde	
County of Prince Edward	Leo Finnegan	
County of Renfrew	Janice Visneskie	Norm Lemke Bob Sweet
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Dennis Fife	
Other guests:		Nigel Bellchamber, Consultant Jim Vanden Hoek, Frontenac

Absent

COUNTY	HEAD OF COUNCIL 2007	STAFF
County of Frontenac		Elizabeth Savill
County of Haliburton	Murray Fearrey	
City of Kawartha Lakes	Ric McGee	Jane Lunn
County of Lennox and Addington	Clayton McEwen (Vice-Chair)	Larry Keech
County of Northumberland	Hector Macmillan	
United Counties of Prescott and Russell		Stéphane P. Parisien
County of Prince Edward		Dick Shannon
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry		Michael Waddell

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Chair Struthers welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2007 and September 21, 2007

Moved by: Warden Maguire
Seconded by: Warden Lalonde

THAT the EOWC meeting minutes from August 19, 2007 and September 21, 2007 be approved as circulated. Carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was requested that an addition under 11.1 Incoming Correspondence be added to the agenda.

Correspondence from Renfrew County (19-Oct-07)
Re: Paralegal Regulations

Moved by: Warden Clemens
Seconded by: Warden Lunney

THAT the agenda is approved, as amended. Carried.

4. Future Directions Update

Mr. Bellchamber presented a preliminary report in PowerPoint format to the Caucus on the narrative portion of the Future Directions report. A formalized report will be completed by the end of the year and will be circulated to the Caucus.

5. AMO Update

Mr. Reycraft was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments at the CRST Conference.

6. Chairman's Updates

Chair Struthers stated he has a meeting to meet M.P.P. Rinaldi on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 to discuss the announced EODP funding of \$20 million over a four year period. The funding is tentatively marked to be flowed through the CFDC.

On September 18, 2007 Chair Struthers attend a meeting with the Conference Board of Canada. Discussion at this meeting encompassed economic growth and hubs of development. Members present at the meeting were impressed with the EOWC Prosperity Plan and the data it provides for Eastern Ontario. Mayor Nelson from Ogdensburg, New York indicated he would like to share the components from the Prosperity Plan and they are promoting Ogdensburg as the rural technical hub in the region.

Chair Struthers has been invited to attend the Royal Winter Fair on November 2, 2007 and will participant as a representative of Eastern Ontario at the Rural East Exhibit.

7. Inaugural Meeting - 2008

Warden Maguire indicated that the Inaugural EOWC Meeting could be held in Kingston and suggested the dates of January 17, 2008 and January 18, 2008. Ms. Savill will elaborate on the details in the near future for this event.

8. Orientation of New Members to the EOWC in 2008

Chair Struthers stressed the importance for the new EOWC members in 2008 to have a strong orientation session to assist them in understanding where the EOWC originated from and where it is headed. An outline of the EOWC process and the priorities which the EOWC has worked on and accomplished should be presented to new members during the orientation session. Past-Chair Sweet remarked there needs to be flexibility and it is important to continue with the orientation process.

Warden Maguire noted that as a new member of the Caucus in 2007 he did not have a clear understanding of where the Caucus was headed and it took some time to acquire a comfort level in regards to the Caucus. Mr. Vanden Hoek commented that the "tone"

needs to be set by the returning Wardens and staff and they need to guide and harness the enthusiasm of the new membership for positive results to continue.

Warden Clemens stated that the EOWC is a strong group and can advocate as a unified voice to both the federal and provincial governments.

9. Meeting Dates for 2008

Meeting dates for the EOWC Caucus and EOWC CAO Planning Group will be developed by staff and brought forward at the Inaugural Meeting in January 2008. The members present agreed that the third Friday of every other month worked well for the EOWC Caucus to meet.

10. Broadband Update

Warden Lunney reported that Lanark County received five submissions, with three of the submissions meeting the requirements of their RFP. Lanark County received \$233,000 in funding and estimates 90% of their area will receive broadband coverage. The ISPs will contribute over \$1 million dollars to broadband in Lanark County.

Hastings County received funding and their RFP is also complete.

Peterborough County received three submissions to their RFP and Nexicom was awarded the contract for broadband in Peterborough County.

The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville received three submissions to their RFP. They received \$259,000 funding from the province. Although this funding will help significantly the entire County will not have broadband coverage.

Mr. King will provide the members with a listing of which Counties received broadband funding in Ontario.

11. Post Election Strategy

11.1 Queen's Park Day Meeting

It was agreed that a Queen's Park Day Meeting may not occur until 2008 and members felt it was best to wait until the Legislature sits in the New Year to coordinate a possible date.

11.2 Pre-budget Submission

Staff was directed to prepare a draft Pre-Budget Submission for review at the Inaugural Meeting in January.

11.3 Prosperity Plan

Staff was directed to continue to utilize the Prosperity Plan and to continue to use the plan as a tool for future development in Eastern Ontario. Staff will be coordinating a meeting between the PIR Division and themselves to discuss the Prosperity Plan and future options for Eastern Ontario.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Incoming

12.1.1 Resolution: Township of South Stormont (14-Jul-07) Re: Drain Maintenance

**Moved by: Warden Clemens
Seconded by: Warden Visneskie**

THAT the EOWC supports the resolution put forward by the Township of South Stormont on July 14, 2007 regarding Drain Maintenance. Carried.

12.1.2 Resolution: Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (16-Aug-07) Re: Drain Maintenance

Received and filed.

12.1.3 Resolution: Township of Admaston/Bromley (17-Aug-07) Re: Drain Maintenance

Received and filed.

12.1.4 Resolution: The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (06-Sep-07) Re: Boards of Health

Received and filed.

12.1.5 Resolution: The County of Peterborough (20-Sep-07) Re: Drain Maintenance

Received and filed.

12.1.6 Recommendation: The County of Hastings (13-Oct-07) Re: Base Hospital Amalgamation

Staff was directed to discuss Base Hospital Amalgamation at the EOWC CAO Planning Meeting on October 23, 2007.

12.1.7 Email from Bill Rayburn, CAO, Middlesex County to the EOWC

(18-Oct-07)
Re: COMRIF Top-Up

Staff was directed to discuss COMRIF Top-Up at the EOWC CAO Planning Meeting on October 23, 2007.

12.1.8 Request from Warden Terry Clemens, County of Hastings to the EOWC (18-Oct-07)
Re: MBQ Land Claim

Warden Clemens stated that currently land claim negotiations are taking place in Deseronto between the natives and the federal government. The provincial government to date has declined involvement and the municipality is also not included and has no voice at the negotiating table. Hastings County is requesting that the provincial government become involved in the negotiation process. Warden Clemens stressed that there is a possibility that they could lose an entire municipality depending on the outcome of the negotiations and could possibly set the precedent for other land claims. Mayor Finnegan stated that the Council of Deseronto has been seeking support from the province for sometime.

Mr. Sweet asked if there was a treaty in place, and if so, it makes it very different from the Algonquin Land Claim as there was not a treaty in place.

Mr. Pine read the MQB request to the Caucus.

Moved by: Mayor Finnegan
Seconded by: Warden Visneskie

THAT the EOWC supports Hastings County's request to the provincial government for their support and presence in regards to the Deseronto Land Claim. Carried.

12.1.9 Correspondence from Renfrew County (19-Oct-07)
Re: Paralegal Regulations

Staff was directed to discuss Paralegal Regulations at the EOWC CAO Planning Meeting on October 23, 2007. This item was received as an information item.

12.2 Outgoing – Nil

12.3 Joint Correspondence - Nil

13. New/Old Business – Nil

14. Next Meeting(s)

CAOs Planning Meetings

October 23, 2007

CRST Conference - Cornwall

November 23, 2007

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

15. Adjournment

Moved by: Warden Vesneskie

Seconded by: Warden Fife

THAT the EOWC Caucus Meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.